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S. P. LANGLEY,
SECRETARY.

Washington, D. C., Dec 1 1887

Dear Dr Gray,

In considering the estimate made by John Wilson & Son for printing an edition of the "Flora," we find

1- that they charge $5.40 per ream for 60 lb. paper. Our standard weight for volumes of the Miscellaneous Collections is 50 lbs. This point should therefore be considered.

2- The estimate for binding is 25 cts. each which evidently means in cloth.

As we never bind our Mis. Collections in anything but paper covers, this item will also be largely reduced.

3. We shall have stereotype plates for title, advertisement & cover, for our edition,

prepared here and sent on to Wilson.

4. We shall order 1000 copies as vol 31 Miscellaneous Collections, and 250 copies extra as No 591 of our general series with separate title and cover. If this is not in all respects as you wish, please let me know.

Yours truly

S. P. Langley

Secretary S. I.

Prof. Asa Gray, LL.D.
Cambridge,
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5. Another important matter is that the size of paper for our volumes is 24" × 38", not 28" × 42" as estimated for by Wilson.